

REMARKS AND CLAIM TO PRIORITY

This is a divisional application of Application No. 09/298,829, filed April 26, 1999 ("the '829 Application"). Claims 18-23, corresponding to Claims 24-29 that were non-elected in the '829 Application, are presented for examination in this application. Claims 1-17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 18-23 are all independent.


Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon Japanese Application No. 10-117313, filed April 27, 1998, and Japanese Application No. 10-218174, filed July 31, 1998, and respectfully requests acknowledgment of this claim and of receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents, which were filed on June 30, 1999, in the '829 Application.

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present divisional application.

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